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"(b) The works are selected by the Chief Engineer (Highways) in consultation with the Divisional Engineer (Highways) and the district board and they are included in the Five-Year Plan with the approval of Government. Additions and alterations to the plan in so far as it relates to the district board are approved by Government in consultation with the Collector and the Chief Engineer (Highways)."

Grant of concessions to sivoijamadar cultivating Government poramboke lands.

* 1295 Q.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the benefits and concessions granted to a sivoijamadar permitted to cultivate Government poramboke lands under the "Grow-More Food Scheme"; and

(b) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of all orders issued by the Government from July 1953 regarding the assignment of poramboke lands?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"(a) No special benefits apart from the general concessions given to agriculturists under the Grow More Food campaign, are granted to a sivoijamadar who cultivates Government poramboke lands.

"(b) Several orders have been issued from time to time. The latest orders regarding the assignment of poramboke lands are contained in [a] G.Os. Ms. No. 296, Revenue, dated 10th February 1954 and Ms. No. 336, Revenue, dated 15th February 1954 (Appendix III). All previous orders on the subject have either been incorporated or superseded by these two Government Orders which represent briefly the present policy of assignment of valuable and non-valuable lands."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—"Sir, the word 'sivojamadar' is very difficult to pronounce. Will Government consider changing it into an easier word?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"I request the hon. Member to suggest a suitable name and then we shall consider it."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—"Sir, from the answer given by the Hon. Minister, are we to take it that the Government have absolutely given up the Grow More Food scheme and no further benefits or concessions will be shown to the agriculturists?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—"Yes, Sir. The Grow More Food scheme will be given up gradually."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 592–596 infra.